

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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18. (Previously presented) A method for making a dental tool for use with an ultrasonic transducer using a lathe, the method comprising:

providing a substantially elongate stock material defining a shaft having a distal end section with a tip and a central bore;

placing the stock material in a guide bushing of the lathe;

bending the distal section of the stock material to offset the central bore outlet with respect to the axial orientation of the central bore; and

turning the stock material in the lathe at the distal end section, thereby producing a dental tool with a working tip and an outlet port to direct fluid onto said tip.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of turning the stock material in the lathe includes forming a bend point in the shaft prior to the step of bending the distal end section of the stock material bending the distal end includes forming a contra-angle portion curved outward in a first direction from said axis at an angle of about fifteen degrees and curved outward in a second direction across said axis at about forty-five degrees to said axis to said tip.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of turning the stock material in the lathe includes forming attachment means of the stock material at a proximal end and a continuous taper from said attachment means to said tip; said shaft having a continuous taper from said attachment means to said tip.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, including the further step of bending the distal end forming said tip at an angle with respect to the shaft.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, including the further step of roughening at least said tip by forming minute depression in the body of the shaft at least in an area adjacent the point.

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